

AGENDA – (REVISED)

STATE OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Friday, February 23, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut
Conference Room F- Second Floor**

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes from the December 8, 2006 meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Licensure Regulations – Update

B. Modification of Memorandum of Decision
Alan Towbin, PhD – Petition No. 910125-008-003

III. NEW BUSINESS

Schedule Hearing Dates

James Connolly, PhD – Petition No. 2005-0304-008-005

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Roy A. Nisenson, PhD – Petition No. 2007-0206-008-002

Presentation of Interim Consent Order

V. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 279**

Meeting Number 279 of the Board of Examiners of Psychologists was convened at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, 2nd Floor, Hartford, Connecticut on Friday, December 8, 2006.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: James J. Monahan, PhD
Elizabeth Thayer, PhD.
Richard J. Colangelo, Jr., Esq.
Nancy Horn, PhD.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Hillgen-Santa, Esq.

ALSO PRESENT Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor
Barbara Bunk, PhD, Connecticut Psychological Association
Lynn Kratzer, PhD.

Dr. Monahan called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

I. MINUTES – September 1, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting of September 1, 2006. Mr. Colangelo moved and Dr. Thayer seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

II NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges
Richard Mallory – Petition No. 2005-0225-000-011

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Richard Mallory. Neither Mr. Mallory nor his attorney was present.

Mr. Colangelo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thayer, to grant the Department of Public Health's Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Monahan signed the Order.

B. Meeting dates for 2007

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2007:

February 23, 2007

April 20, 2007

September 7, 2007

December 7, 2007

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

C. Robert Novelly, Ph.D. – Discussion of course work requirements.

Dr. Novelly was present with Attorney Hugh Lavery. Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Dr. Novelly was present requesting that the Board review and approve course work he plans to take to comply with the terms of probation as set forth in a Memorandum of Decision issued by the Board on September 20, 2003. The Board noted that the Memorandum of Decision ordered a period of probation for a period of two years during which Dr. Novelly was to complete the course work. To date Dr. Novelly has not completed the course work in the required time frame.

Mr. Colangelo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Horn, to deny Dr. Novelly's request. The motion passed unanimously.

III OLD BUSINESS

Licensure Regulations - Update

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, Office of Practitioner Licensing, Department of Public Health was present for this discussion.

The Board reviewed modifications to the draft of proposed changes to the regulations concerning Psychology Licensing Requirements. Additional changes were suggested.

Mr. Carragher indicated that the draft will be reviewed internally by the Department of Public Health then referred to the Office of the Attorney General for review prior to submission to the Legislative Regulation Review Committee

IV NEW BUSINESS cont.

A. Request to Modify Memorandum of Decision

Alan Towbin, PhD - Petition No. 910125-008-003

Dr. Monahan recused himself in this matter. Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health. Dr. Towbin was present with Attorney Ira Grudberg requesting a modification of a Memorandum of Decision dated June 12, 1998. The Board heard comments from Attorneys Grudberg and Scoville.

Mr. Colangelo made a motion seconded by Dr. Thayer to enter executive session to seek legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered executive session from 9:45 a.m. until 10:05 a.m.

Following executive session Mr. Colangelo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thayer to modify the Memorandum of Decision to allow Dr. Towbin to practice individual and group psychotherapy not to exceed twenty (20) hours per week; that Dr. Towbin's practice is to be monitored by a pre-approved supervising psychologist for period of not less than one (1) year; that the supervising psychologist shall review all of Dr. Towbin's patient records and shall submit monthly reports to the Department of Public Health evaluating Dr. Towbin's practice; and that the modified Memorandum of Decision will become effective upon signature by the Board. The motion passed unanimously. Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton will assist the Board in drafting the modified Memorandum of Decision.

B. An Act Concerning Patient Protection and Health Care Practitioner Security Fund

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health (DPH) provided an overview of legislation proposed by the DPH which would establish a confidential program for impaired health care practitioners licensed by the department; provide funding for DPH consultants; and provide funding to the DPH for medical record management in situations in which a practitioner has abandoned a practice. Mr. Peck stated that this legislation would result in a \$10.00 surcharge added to annual license renewals with the monies deposited in a designated fund.

Mr. Colangelo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Monahan, supporting the Department's proposed legislation and to authorize the chair to send a letter of support if requested. The motion passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Colangelo made motion to adjourn, seconded by Ds. Horn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Horn, PhD.
Connecticut Board of Examiners of Psychologists